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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Serial No:** 09/727,877      **Art Unit:** Unassigned  
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**For:** BATTERY-POWERED LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE FOR ENDOSCOPE      **Dated:** August 24, 2006  
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**LETTER TO OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment dated March 28, 2006 in the above-identified application for allegedly failing to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued on January 16, 2001.

A complete reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was timely sent, therefore, Applicants sent a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) on May 1, 2006.

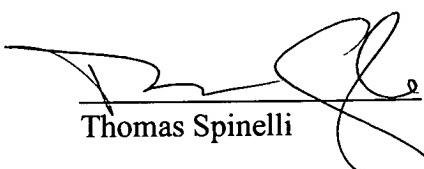
The undersigned has since been informed by Thu Nguyen on August 2, 2006 that the Petition was never received by the Patent Office.

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Dated: August 24, 2006

  
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A Notice to File Missing Parts issued on January 16, 2001. A reply thereto was filed on February 22, 2001 with an English language specification, a certificate of translation and a check in the amount of \$130.00. A copy of the postcard receipt, Transmittal Letter and Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts were enclosed with the petition.

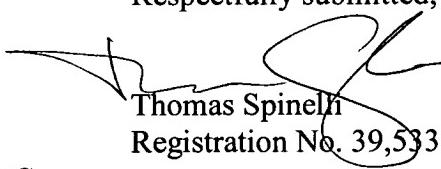
The petition was mailed on May 1, 2006 by first class mail to Mail Stop Petitions. A copy of the petition and enclosures thereto are enclosed herewith as well as a copy of the stamped postcard evidencing receipt of the Petition by the Patent Office on May 4, 2006.

Applicants would also like to note that Ms. Delora Dillard called the undersigned to request a copy of the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts in early March of 2006. Applicants sent a copy of the response to Ms. Dillard's attention along with copies of the postcard receipt and transmittal letters by Express Mail on March 15, 2006 (Express Mail No. EV774351272US). The U.S. Post Office has confirmed the same was delivered at 1:13 pm on March 16, 2006 in Alexandria, VA and signed for by K. Howard.

Thus, the present letter is the FOURTH time Applicant's have responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts at a considerable expense to the Applicants.

Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Petition be entered into the record and granted and that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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